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## **DELTA LEVEES AND HABITAT SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **Draft Description**

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##### **1. Official Designation**

The Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee is an official work group of the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC). BDPAC is a federally chartered and formal state advisory committee to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee operates under BDPAC as a formal state advisory committee and adheres to state open meeting requirements.

##### **2. Mission/Purpose**

The mission of the Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee is to coordinate between CALFED agencies and stakeholders on CALFED Levee Program issues and provide leadership and advice to the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC).

##### **3. Role and Responsibilities**

The Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee will assume the Role of the existing Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Committee. Since the early 1990's this Committee has coordinated Levee Program issues and reported to The Resources Agency Secretary. The CALFED Record of Decision made the commitment that DWR and USACE would co-manage the Levee Program and would execute a MOU documenting their co-management roles and responsibilities. This MOU was executed in 2001 and the two agencies are working together to better define the federal role. Both DWR and USACE shall report to the Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee.

The responsibility of the Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee is solely advisory and includes:

- Provide advise to BDPAC on the management and implementation of the CALFED Levee Program;
- Make recommendations to BDPAC on opportunities to integrate CALFED programs and activities;
- Make recommendations to BDPAC on performance measures and monitoring protocols consistent with CALFED Levee and Science Programs;

- Make recommendations to BDPAC on Permit Coordination including Delta dredging and Reuse consistent with CALFED Levee, Ecosystem and Science Programs;
- Establish subcommittees and work groups, as needed, and consider recommendations from the subcommittees and work groups.

#### **4. Outcomes**

The expected outcomes from the Delta Levees and Habitat Advisory Subcommittee are to:

- Coordinate stakeholder support for adequate Levee Program funding to achieve its goals and ROD commitments.
- Coordinate stakeholder support to balance environmental regulatory compliance with achieving Levee Program goals and ROD commitments.

#### **5. Membership/Participants**

The Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee is co-chaired by two BDPAC members appointed by the BDPAC in consultation with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The co-chairs are Tom Zuckerman; Attorney for the Central Delta Water Agency and the second member will be determined later.

The role of the Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee co-chairs includes the coordination and facilitation of the Subcommittee and interested members of the public. The co-chairs also act as liaisons between BDPAC and the Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee by communicating information and guidance to both groups.

The framework for membership of the Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee is that the Subcommittee membership will be open to all interested parties and with no formal membership required. Another possible approach is for formal membership to be established. The Subcommittee wants to encourage participation by individuals representing a wide array of interests.

#### **6. Decision Making**

The Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee will use a consensus approach for decision-making during its discussions. A summary of action items and major outcomes from each Subcommittee meeting will be included in the meeting minutes.

#### **7. Frequency and Location of Meetings**

The Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee will meet on a monthly basis, usually the first Friday of each month in The Resources Agency conference room.

Notes from Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee meetings will be recorded. Meeting summaries will be distributed at Subcommittee meetings and will be available upon request.

## **8. Subgroups**

The Levees and Channels Technical Workgroup will provide a forum to coordinate and make recommendations on technical issues to the Subcommittee. Their meetings will be open to all interested parties. The subgroups will report back to the Subcommittee at regularly scheduled meetings.

## **9. Resources**

Available resources to the Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee and its Workgroup include staff as assigned from: the Resources Secretary, the CALFED Levee Program, the Delta Protection Commission, the Department of Water Resources, and the Department of Fish and Game.

## **10. Communication/Outreach**

The Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee will develop a number of forums for communication. An extensive e-mail list will be developed for communication for all Subcommittee participants and interested individuals. The CALFED Program's website <http://calfed.ca.gov> will be designed to allow individuals to sign up for the e-mail lists. Other forms of communication will include general Program written materials and personal communications with Program and agency staff and consultants. General information is also available from the offices of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (916) 657-2666.

## **11. Changes**

Decisions regarding the purpose or operations of the Subcommittee will be reviewed and approved by BDPAC. The Delta Levees and Habitat Subcommittee will remain in existence until it has accomplished its stated objectives, the Subcommittee's work becomes obsolete, the cost of operations are excessive in relation to the benefits, or until the BDPAC charter expires.